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LIMDIS FOR AMB HILL FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WILLIAM BUCKLEY

1. WARREN STEIBEL, PRODUCER OF BUCKLEY'S "FIRING LINE," HAS QUERIED THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FILMING TWO PROGRAMS IN BUENOS AIRES IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. THE FIRST WOULD BE AN INTERVIEW WITH JORGE LUIS BORGES; THE SECOND WOULD TREAT THE ARGENTINE SITUATION GENERALLY WITH PARTICIPANTS AS YET UNIDENTIFIED.

2. STEIBEL ASKED FOR OUR FRANK ASSESSMENT OF THE RISKS TO HIS PHYSICAL SAFETY BUCKLEY MIGHT RUN IN VISITING ARGENTINA FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE RECALLED BEING WARNED BY A CUBAH REFUGEE IN VENEZUELA THAT BUCKLEY, AS AN INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN CONSERVATIVE, WOULD BE IN DANGER OF KIDNAPPING OR WORSE IN ARGENTINA.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO STEIBEL ASAP SINCE HE HAS A CLOSE DEADLINE FOR BEGINNING THE PLANNING OF THIS TRIP. MANY THANKS AND WARM REGARDS. ROBINSON

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